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True to His Record.

The Register does not hesitate to misrepresent everything and everybody in favor of the refunding ordinance. This, of course, is very pleasing to those of its stockholders who own some of the present high interest bonds of the city, but it cannot deceive the intelligent public.

The people of this city know something of the Register's attitude heretofore in certain other propositions in which the taxpayers were concerned. It will be remembered, for instance, that our contemporary advocated the erection of the Main street stone bridge, ridiculing the idea that it would cost more than \$75,000, when it was proposed to erect a splendid steel structure for less than half that sum. The stone bridge proposition carried, and the taxpayers, who had been promised that this monument to the economy of a Democratic city administration would cost them less than \$75,000, were called upon to pay \$130,000, besides the interest on the bonds. In ordinary transactions this would have been termed a neat job of bunking.

At another time, in 1895, when council, in order to meet over-due bonds and other obligations that were inherited from its Democratic predecessor, found it necessary to propose a loan ordinance, the Register raised pretty much the sort of a howl that it is now raising against an honest, business-like, non-political proposition in the interest of the public welfare. The ordinance failed to receive the required majority, because, then as now, there were people who couldn't see what was best for their own interests. The result was that, in order to pay these over-due debts left by the administration supported by the Register, a raise in taxes of 14 cents on the \$100 was necessary. As soon as the back debt was paid the levy was repealed, however.

Now, we find the Register, true to its record for opposing every fair business proposition to lessen the burdens of the taxpayers of this city, advocating the defeat of the refunding ordinance. Should the ordinance fail to receive the necessary three-fifths majority the result will be the stoppage of all improvements for years to come, or the other alternative—another raise of taxes.

It will not do for the Register to dishonestly attempt to create a prejudice among the voters by impugning the motives of the authors of the ordinance, or by misrepresenting the management of the finances. That is an old trick of the Register's which the community has learned to understand, or, if it hasn't, it is time for it to open its eyes. In this instance, a little inquiry will show that the Register, aside from its chronic opposition to about everything in the line of progress, may have a selfish interest in desiring to retain the high interest bonds.

The Tariff and Our Foreign Trade.

The monthly reports of the exports and imports of the country are regularly demonstrating how false were the Democratic predictions that the Dingley bill would destroy our foreign trade. It will be recalled that similar predictions have always been indulged in by free traders previous to the enactment of protective tariff laws. They were made just as positively regarding the McKinley law as they were last summer while the Dingley bill was pending. Every speech in opposition to the measure, and every free trade newspaper article, bristled with attempts to show that the logical result of its passage would be the destruction of our foreign trade, and there was much talk about "retaliation" on the part of foreign nations.

It will also be recalled that under the McKinley law the foreign trade of the country, both imports and exports, was larger than ever before. The statistics issued since the Dingley tariff has been in operation show a growth of a like character, while talk of "retaliation" has about ceased. The total value of imports for October, in spite of the enormous anticipatory importations, was \$49,969,813, less than a half million dollars lower than in October, 1896, when there had been no advance importations. The value of the exports in October was \$109,583,842. While this is \$2,500,000 less than in October of last year, the exports for September were \$20,000,000 greater in value than those for September of last year. A claim that these exports were wholly due to the foreign demand for American grain will not "hold water" in the face of the fact that there has been a steady increase in the exports of manufactured goods.

These facts, together with the fact that the receipts from customs revenues are steadily increasing, bearing out the prediction of Mr. Dingley that there would be a gradual increase until the deficiencies would cease, not only vindicate the confidence of the supporters of the Dingley bill, but prove false the free trade

prophecies that it would be a destroyer of foreign trade and fall as a revenue producer.

Discomforts of the Klondike.

Those who contemplate going to the Klondike next spring find little encouragement in the reports that are sent home by those who are already there. True the reports of gold have not been exaggerated and there will be many fortunes made, but the dangers and hardships involved are such as to make it an uninviting field for all who are not possessed of extraordinary physical development and powers of endurance. The Parkersburg Sentinel publishes a letter from a man who left that city some time since for the new El Dorado. It is almost pathetic in its warning to others to remain at home, and is worth reproducing.

"If any of your readers," says the Klondiker, whose name is W. T. Parker, "or any of my friends expect to come to Alaska, tell them through the columns of your paper for God's sake to stay in good old Parkersburg. Tell them that it gets so cold in Alaska that your breath freezes and cracks and pops on the air like icicles; that the mercury gets as low as 50 degrees below zero; that there are impassable mountains to cross."

This is bad enough and should cause everybody save the sturdiest and most daring adventurer to hesitate before venturing on the journey. It isn't half. To relate all the hardships the Klondiker gold seekers must endure would fill columns. Mr. Parker further on in his letter says: "I have just crossed the Gulf of Alaska. Was caught in a storm and carried 150 miles out into the Pacific ocean. If I were back in Parkersburg I would not come back to Alaska for all the gold here. . . . This letter goes out by the last mail that will go out for eight months and they (friends who write to him) may not expect an answer for ten months."

From which it seems that Mr. Parker is very much disgusted with his experience. Let us hope that this West Virginian will succeed well enough in his search for fortune to compensate him for his sufferings.

Germany and China.

The action of the German war ships in landing forces at Kiao-Chan, China, and taking possession of three forts, after putting the Chinese garrisons, numbering 1,500 men, to flight, while an act of war, is not likely to result in a serious outbreak between China and Germany. China must realize that the course of the Germans was justified by the murders of German missionaries and the mobbing of the German minister to China, and will see the uselessness of refusing satisfaction therefor.

The responsibility of China for the murder of the missionaries appears to be fixed, since it is asserted that the tragedy was not the work of bandits, but was deliberately planned by the governor of the province in which it occurred. China knows well her own weakness and is not anxious to get into a scrape with one of the greatest European powers.

What They Really Do.

Mr. "Anti-Loan" again breaks loose in the bond-holders' organ to say that figures quoted showing a comparison of the handling of the city debt by the present administration and its Democratic predecessor are not correct. The figures are taken from the annual reports of the various city clerks.

This queer genius also says the administration is not entitled to any credit for having shown up cleaner books than its predecessor did, and asks, "Do they (the 'powers of the city hall') claim especial and particular credit for obeying the law?" No; they simply point out that they paid bills which had been left over by their predecessors who had not obeyed the law.

Our Charleston dispatch gives the latest developments concerning the Chilton shortage, from which it may be noted that the state administration has been investigating the facts so far as it is possible to do so, and will take proper action in the case, in the proper way, malicious comments about "collusions," by the evening paper in this city, to the contrary notwithstanding.

It is refreshing to note that there is one European power that knows how to deal with Turkey and get prompt satisfaction for outrages committed against its citizens. Austria didn't mince words with the sultan, but sailed right in for apologies and indemnities with guns trained to enforce the demand.

Mrs. Mabel Estelle Wallace-Ketcham, who is figuring in Chicago's latest big sensation, is either a very wicked woman or a very much persecuted woman. The able Chicago reporters are trying to find out all about it, and the reading public will have all the entertainment it has a right to expect.

The Register claims that the need of improvements in Wheeling is not so great that she cannot afford to wait several years for them. The Register should take a look about the town, and make an inspection tour of all the city's property.

Holders of bonds drawing 6 per cent interest are naturally opposed to a plan to reduce the interest on the city's debt, but why should those who pay the taxes be opposed to such a measure?

Senator Hanna Isn't Worried Half as Much about His Chances for Election as the Popocratic Editors are.

Harpur's "Book of Facts," a classified history of the world, embracing science, literature and art, is the most useful of all books of reference for the general reader. The compiler of this work, Mr. J. H. Wilsey, has taken from that magnificent compilation of Joseph Haydn's, the "Dictionary of Dates" every fact which has more than a narrow and local interest, and has added in a form so minutely classified as to be accessible in all detail at a glance, the events worth notice in the entire history of the western hemisphere and each of its political divisions. The United States, for example, and every state single, are represented by chronological tables in which the origin, foundation, political changes, and economic activities of each may be read.

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on subjects of general interest than has ever been condensed into a single volume. The work is handsomely and substantially bound, and of clear and beautiful typography.—Harper Brothers, New York.

CURRENT COMMENT.

A St. Louis man has turned to chalk. This is one way a St. Louisan has of making his mark in the world.—Chicago News.

Richard Croker's present ambition is very modest. He wants only that the Manhattan district of New York shall be set aside as a separate state, which would have two Democratic senators, a Democratic representation in congress and permanent Democratic control of the new state's legislature. The act of giving Croker a crown and constituting him king of North America need not be considered until some time later.—Chicago Record.

The press is having a great deal to say about that eastern man who voted and then went and committed suicide. Kentucky can go that case several better with a man who died at 3 o'clock a. m. on election day and voted at nine o'clock the same morning.—Louisville Courier Journal.

An Illinois woman wants \$75,000 damages for a fractured heart. Which also goes to show the feminine love for fine figures.—Philadelphia Times.

A society has been formed to demolish the Santa Claus myth. It ought to be christened "The Society to Rob Childhood of its Chief Delight."—Philadelphia Press.

Before we take Marse Henry Waterson back into the party we might insist on his freeing Cuba as an evidence of good faith.—Memphis Appeal.

It is funny, but every Democratic paper in the country is for defeating Mark Hanna for the senate.—Des Moines Register.

The time is now ripe for the European Concert to go into vaudeville.—New York Press.

Mrs. Mabel Wallace Walkup Ketcham, of Chicago, is for the second time a widow. She first married James B. Walkup and then John B. Ketcham. The pair netted her \$200,000. It appears that all she had to do was to walkup and ketcham.—Pittsburgh Times.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

It is the rolling wheel that gathers the most punctures.

It's a poor road that will allow a bicycle to indulge in mud-sliding.

A desire to mind one's own business is a taste that is often hard to acquire.

It is the unwritten poems and unsung songs that make life endurable.

When a man is a candidate for office his check is mightier than his word.

The man who takes his whisky straight is never accused of tampering with a mixed evil.

When a man is too sick to do anything else he puts in the time making good resolutions.

Our first impressions are usually full of errors. That is why proofreaders are indispensable.

A man never appreciates the gift of a solitaire diamond more than when he holds the other three aces.

Electrocution has taken the place of hanging in many states, but the patrons of crowded street cars will continue to hang on.—Chicago News.

IFS.

If love is the birth of an illusion marriage must be the death of it.

If a man has a little money and does not work he is rated as a capitalist.

If you are disappointed in love it may save a greater disappointment in marriage.

If an old maid is sent to buy furniture she is sure to select a chair with arms to it.

If a sure-enough foolkiller were to come around every man on earth would try to hide.

If there is to be no marrying or giving in marriage in heaven that may account for its being heaven.

If somebody would only pull the sled up the hill for us life would be one long delightful slide.

If we had to pay for all the advice we get there would be no money or less advice in circulation.

A Face.

The lovely twilight lingers like a spirit round the place;

The sweetest roses at the gate are memories of her face;

The lilacs lean and listen—the ghosts of lost delight—

The sunflower like golden star signals the silent night.

This is the place I met her—there, in the rosy years

When life was all of hope and all its ways too sweet for tears;

This is the place I met her—this is the dear, sweet place,

And all the world is wondrous with memories of her face.

Oh, it may be that not for me another light shall shine

Like the last light—the last light that made sweet this life of mine;

It may be I shall never see, for all life's grief and grace,

The beam, the gleam, the stream—the dream, and over all that face!

Strange ways, strange days, and lands and hands, and what we think is fate;

But over all some crimson bands that bind a twilight late

With rare star-sprinkled roses, with all their youth-time grace,

And those sweet lips that kissed me, and evermore that face!

Let us forget! and yet—and yet—we will remember still

The blood that made the rose so red—the ripple of the hair

The hills that climbed to heaven, and each remembered place

That made the whole world sweeter for one dear woman's face!

Dear face! I may not meet thee—I may not ever sight

The phantom ship that bears thee from the watch-tires of my night;

But still the beam, the gleam, the dream, and evermore I see

A face that makes life beautiful—the one sweet face for me!

—Atlanta Constitution.

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PASSING PLEASANTRIES.

"They say that the Italian count she married turned out to be an organ-grinder." "Well, at any rate, he had a handle to his name."—Brooklyn Life.

Ethel (aged six)—"I wonder where all the clergymen come from." Frances (aged five)—"I suppose the choir-boys grow up into ministers."—Harper's Bazar.

A Simple Programme.—The Missionary—"My friend, what would you do if you expected the end of the world in ten days?" The Tramp—"Wait for it!"—Puck.

"Do you think there will be any poets in the next world?" asked the assistant editor. "Where else do you suppose they've all gone to?" exclaimed the editor.—Yonkers Statesman.

"How old are you?" was asked of a little English girl, who is visiting in Allegheny. "I am six." "And how old is your cousin?" "He is six, too, but he has been so longer than I." The boy was a few months the older.—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

The Enthusiast.—"The game of golf consists in getting the balls over the course with the smallest possible number of strokes. You can understand that?" Friend—"Of course. The players naturally desire to get through with it as soon as possible."—Puck.

"This baby," said the fond father, as he turned for another lap along the room, "is going to be a great actress one of these days." "What makes you think so?" inquired his wife. "Just look at the way she can shed real tears and bring an audience to its feet."—Washington Star.

Her Thoughtful Way.

Chicago, News: Of the families whose telephones are on that north side circuit of six nearly every member of five one day last week rang, ground and hammered on their transmitters until they were red in the face, dark about the brows and poor company.

Mrs. No. 1 planned an impromptu little dinner for a niece who had come unexpectedly on a visit and proved to be very attractive. She thought her devoted way through the various arrangements and the supplies which would be needed and when she went to the 'phone to order of her grocer—well, she had to rush down there because she could not make the telephone work.

Mrs. No. 3 tried to call the doctor—couldn't—sent her little boy and he forgot what he had been sent for. The baby had a very bad attack of colic, too. "That telephone!" Mrs. No. 3 said and words failed her after she had jerked the crank-handle for fifteen minutes without success.

"There is something the matter with our telephone. It is too provoking! We pay to have that thing in our house, but when we really want to use it it's always out of order!" was Mrs. No. 2's greeting to her husband in the front hallway, where she had announced in a despairing whisper that Mrs. Rollins and the two Miss Rollins had come unexpectedly for a visit and found her in the midst of house-cleaning.

"Oh, it is dreadful! And just because that wretched telephone was out of order and Mrs. Rollins had not been able to announce her coming over the wire."

Miss No. 4 was not invited to John De Bruton's theater party; they did not have the steak for dinner until there was a very angry man to carve it, and Dan went fruitlessly away over to the west side to see a well, a boxing match—that was not pulled off; all because that telephone persistently refused to work. Mr. No. 5 was hurt in a runaway and because the house telephone was alling his family learned of the catastrophe from the men who brought the wreck of the buggy home and wanted to know what Mrs. No. 5 had heard from the hospital!

Dusk settled down on five very unhappy, unquiet homes that night and the five messengers which were sent to the manager of the telephone exchange almost burned holes in the messenger's pockets.

Mrs. No. 6, however, rang up during the evening and the sound of the bell made the other five families jump. It was so unexpected. They counted those machines silenced. Five ears at the five receivers soon heard this pass between the chief operator and Mrs. No. 6:

"Hello!" gravely.

"Hello! what is it?" suavely from Mrs. No. 6.

"The other subscribers on your circuit are firing shrapnel and canister at me because their instruments have not worked. Yours seemed to be all right—hasn't your receiver been hanging by the cord? I can't explain in any other way."

"Yes, I believe it has," sweetly.

"Didn't you know that that cut off all the others on that circuit?"

"I didn't think of that; did it?"

"Of course it did. Why didn't you hang up your receiver—"

There was a chug and a whirring sound in the manager's ear, for Mrs. No. 6 was saying with spirit: "The impudent thing! As though I had to tell him! I didn't want Mrs. Zibbens to call me, as she had threatened, to ask me to that stupid, dreadful little dinner of hers, so I let the receiver dangle! The ideal! He says the others on the circuit were put out about it!"

But, of course, a little thing like that didn't matter.

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